Amendment in law regarding age of girls for marriage

1291. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government purpose to make any amendment to the existing laws to do away with any discrepancies existing in the law regarding age of girls for getting married;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) On the basis of the recommendation of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice made in its 13th Report in November, 2005 on the Prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004, the issue of determination of common age of eighteen years for both male and female is being considered by the Government.

Courts in rural areas

†1292. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for establishing courts in rural areas is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount required for this purpose; and

(d) the details of the amount to be provided by Government for establishing these courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Government is considering the question of bringing in a Parliamentary legislation for the establishment of Gram Nyayalayas at the intermediate Panchayat level or group of Gram Panchayats. The proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall consist of a Nyayadhikari who shall be qualified to be eligible to be appointed as Judidicial Magistrate of the first class and belonging to a cadre of Nyayadhikaris constituted by the Governor in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

consultation with the State Public Service Commission and the chief Justice of the High Court and two Law Judges who shall be holding at least a bachelors Degree and having experience in socially oriented activities for at least five years in the locality. The Gram Nyayalayas would be holding the courts at their head quarters and also as Mobile Courts in the close proximity of the places where the parties ordinarily reside in the Nyayalays's territorial jurisdiction. The Gram Nyayalayas will deal with civil and criminal cases and follow sugary procedure and have a time bound plan of disposal of the cases coming before them. The manpower required for the proposed Gram Nyayalayas shall be in addition to the existing judicial officers of the subordinate judiciary. There are at present about 6097 intermediate panchayats. The exact number of Gram Nyayalayas which will be established will depend upon the requirement of the States and broad criteria as may be finalized by the proposed enactment.

(c) and (d) As the proposal has not yet been finalized, it is too early to work out the financial implications for establishments of the Gram Nyayalayas.

Construction of Courts Building in Tamil Nadu

1293. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was allotted for construction of District and Munsif Court Buildings in Tamil Nadu for the year 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(b) whether any proposal has come from the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A perspective plan for construction of court buildings and residence for the judicial officers in the State during the next ten years, has been received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu.

Health hazards in asbestos mining

1294. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Bureau of Mines has conducted a study on the health hazards for asbestos mine workers of Rajasthan;